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## Official Obstacles to Viet Nam War Coverage Growing, Correspondent Says

By NORMAN SKLAREWITZ  
*Wall Street Journal*  
Bulletin Correspondent

SAIGON — This is a do-it-yourself war. The American supported fight against Communist guerrillas and the continuing political unrest here combine to make Viet Nam a first-rate story. Yet like most good stories, this is anything but an easy one to cover.

Military action in the sweltering Mekong Delta or the jungle highlands comes quickly, is often violent, then over. If an enterprising correspondent happens to be on the scene, the event is reported. Otherwise, it may well be nothing more than a few-sentence reference in the Vietnamese government's vague daily communique.

If a correspondent asks to go to a specific area to hunt out stories, the US command will generally provide transportation. But rarely does the command assist newsmen to be out on pre-planned operations as it formerly did. No reason is given for the change in attitude.

The result is far fewer eye-witness opportunities.

Correspondents in the past also were permitted to go along on armed helicopter assaults. On the excuse that the choppers suddenly have no extra space, correspondents now are not authorized on such flights. This doesn't mean, however, they don't go.

Once away from Saigon, the hard-driving photographer or writer can take all the chances he wants. But he'll get no official command help and, more likely, will find obstacles in his way if he tries to play it straight and ask cooperation on getting in close to the war.

Since the war in South Viet Nam is officially not an American war, correspondents headed this way should stop by their favorite sporting goods shop and pick up camping gear. While it gener-

ously provides some 450,000 Vietnamese with gear, the U S will not issue, loan or even sell correspondents field equipment.

Black-marketed equipment can, however, be purchased on Saigon's side streets. Or the determined newsmen can scrounge. But again, the man who plays it straight can't get a canteen, pack or poncho to make life in the field more livable.

Don't get shot, either, unless you have your hospital insurance. Freelance photographer Jim Pickerell was wounded twice as a result of an encounter with Viet Cong guerrillas. In the first clash, he was shot in the leg; in the second, he was hit by the U S Navy hospital with a \$42-a-day bill.

### EXTRA FEATURES LISTED FOR DEC. 3 BOOK FAIR

Christmas-gift book shoppers are getting an added attraction at the Annual OPC Book Fair on Dec. 3.

In addition to being able to purchase member's books at special discounts, a series of door prizes has been planned for those who attend the buffet dinner following the Fair.

The highlight of the drawing for free books is a 12-volume set of beautifully illustrated American history books published by Time, Inc., with a retail value of \$60.

As usual, the Fair will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with dinner starting at that hour.

A number of unusual features are planned for the first pre-Christmas Fair that will make gift shopping pleasurable. Among these will be several bars for those who prefer to "sip and shop." A special counter will feature the many Club gift items which are on sale year-round at the gift counter in the main lobby.

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## First Radio-TV Programs Set Up by OPC Committee

The first all-OPC radio and television series will be off to a flying start on Dec. 9 when two shows, one for each medium, will be taped at New York's municipal station WNYC. They will be aired Dec. 13.

Called "International Interviews", it will consist of interview of ambassadors from Newsmaking countries by a panel of newsmen. Starting panel for the series will be *Ralph Salazar*, editor of UPI's Latin American desk; NEA columnist *Leon Dennen*, and Hall Syndicate's *Victor Riesel*.

The first program will feature Chief S.O. Adebo, ambassador extraordinary plenipotentiary and permanent UN representative from Nigeria. He heads a 21-ambassador working group to study the UN's financial situation.

Produced by *Sylvia Taylor* and moderated by WNYC manager *Seymour Siegel*, the program will be half-hour length and will be billed as produced with the cooperation of the Overseas Press Club.

The television program, which will be seen every other week on Channel 31 (UHF), will display the OPC banner and will be clearly identifiable as an outgrowth of Club planning. The panelists will be donating their time.

## Calendar

All reservations will be charged to members' accounts unless cancelled in writing 24 hours prior to function.

(Tapes of the Wednesday Luncheons are broadcast regularly at 5 p.m. over WNYC.)

**Thurs., Nov. 26 - Club Thanks,** giving Dinner in Dining Room. Served at 2, 4, and 6 p.m.

**Wed., Dec. 2 - Viet Nam Panel Discussion.** Cocktails, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m.

**Thurs., Dec. 3 - Book Fair,** Opens at 5 p.m.

**Tues., Dec. 8 - Regional Dinner, "Christmas in Puerto Rico."** Cocktails, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$5.

**Tues., Dec. 15 - Concert, with Vilma Boselli, coloratura soprano from Argentina.** 8:30 p.m.

**Wed., Dec. 16 - Reunion, Battle of the Bulge.** 6:30 p.m.

**Tues., Dec. 22 - Top-of-the-Club Bistro Christmas Supper. Yuletide Entertainment, door prizes.** 6:30 p.m. \$3.50.

NOTE: Due to the many activities planned over the holidays, the Wednesday buffet will be temporarily discontinued.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE: THE GREAT REPORTERS AND THEIR TIMES



John Hohenberg

In a sharp, colorful narrative placed against a background of some two centuries of history, a veteran newspaper man traces the rise of the independent foreign correspondent as a potent force in gathering news, in shaping foreign policy, and in the conflict between the public's right to know and what some people in government call its "need to know." The enemies of the foreign correspondent, particularly the censor, are held up to scrutiny, and the rise of the global news agencies, from Havas and Reuters to the Associated Press and United Press International, are described. \$8.95

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## Former Voice of Israeli Underground Tells Why Stern Group Fought British

Guela Cohen, voice of the Israel underground radio of the Stern group during the fight against British rule, last week reminisced on the reasons for their active and militant opposition.

"The Jewish people . . . lived up to their dream, but they didn't act up to it," Miss Cohen told her OPC Luncheon audience.

By accepting the British arrangement, she said the Jewish people found that "Reality gives you orders instead of you giving her orders".

Miss Cohen broadcasted for the Yemeni underground radio in Palestine during the mid-1940's, when she was only 17. The underground, called the Stern gang, was a militant group which sought to drive the British out of Palestine by harassment, sabotage and other underground tactics. Most of the Jewish community opposed their methods while agreeing in the main with the objective of lifting of the British rule.

In comparing the two elements of the Jewish community, Miss Cohen commented, "They fought the rules — we fought the rulers. That was the big difference."

Miss Cohen dodged British agents until spring of 1946, when they managed to trace her radio signal. She was arrested and given a seven-year jail sentence—though she escaped less than a year later. Her adventures are contained in the book *Sipura Shel Lohemet — the Story of a Woman Fighter*.

Recalling her broadcasts, Miss Cohen admitted some fear. "It is difficult to stand before the microphone and know the British are looking for the station."

## SUMNER AHLBUM DIES; WAS RFE EXECUTIVE

Summer Ahlbum, 50, an active member, died Nov. 12 at his home in New York City. He was vice president for Public Information for Radio Free Europe.

Before taking on this post in 1963, Ahlbum was vice president of Manning Public Relations for several years. A newspaper veteran, he was Executive Picture Editor of the *Providence (R.I.) Journal Bulletin* in the early 1940's. He also served as News Editor of the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

An alumnus of Brown University, Ahlbum was also Lt. Commander in the Naval Reserve. He served in Naval Air Combat Intelligence during World War II. He was a native of Leonia, N. J.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne, and a son, Sumner Joseph, aged 5. Two children by a former marriage are Mrs. Noel A. MacInnis and Jonathan.

Burial was at Stony Brook, L. I.



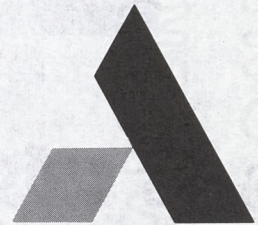
DISCUSS STERN GROUP: Author Gerold Frank (left) talks with guest speaker Guela Cohen before her OPC Luncheon talk last week.

Author Gerold Frank also was at the lunch, to handle the question and answer period. His book *The Deed*, detailed the Israeli story, and he backgrounded the audience on the Stern group. The group of 18 to 23 year-old intellectuals had in effect declared war on the British Empire, he said. "In the opinion of many, they won it."

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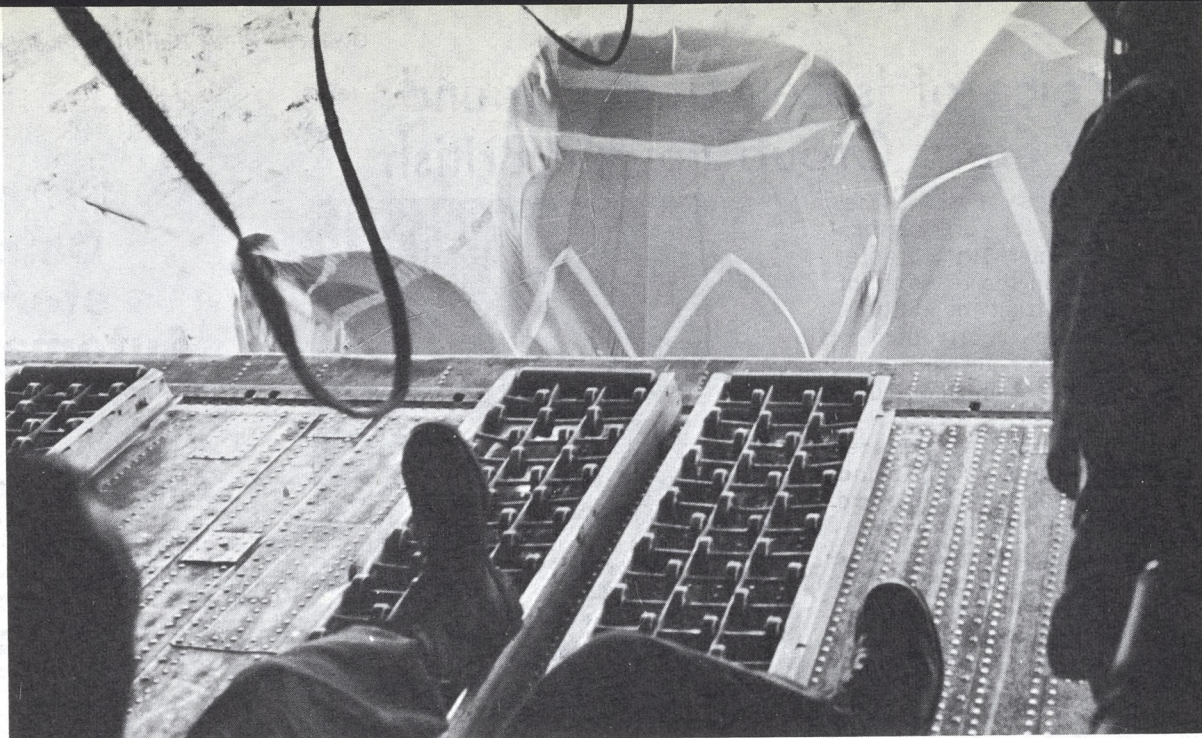
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VIEW FROM THE TOP: The red parachute canopies start to blossom as bundles are kicked off the loading ramp of a C-124 at 400 feet. The Viet Cong were pressing close to the camp below and absolute accuracy was necessary. (Photo by Robin Moore)

## HE GETS CLOSE LOOK - VERY CLOSE - AT SPECIAL FORCES

By ROBIN MOORE

Author of *Tales of The Green Beret*, to be published in 1965 by Crown Publishing

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I was getting more of everything (except good writing done) and enjoying it less back in 1962 when the off-beat idea of writing a book about Special Forces hit me. All I knew about them at the time was that they wore green berets, ate snakes and were the toughest soldiers in history. The hairy-chested men's mag in which I read all this fostered many other misconceptions as well, and I was ready to go.

I lived in Jamaica, West Indies, at the time, and my latest book, *The Devil To Pay*, about American mercenaries with Castro, had recently been published by Coward-McCann. I had written this exciting non-fiction (or so it was billed) account of wild fighting and sex orgies in Mexico and the Sierra Maestras while sitting at my typewriter in the peaceful climate of Jamaica. The real-life protagonist of the book, Jack Youngblood, spilled chilling action tales to me all day, except for three hours of swimming and sun bathing, and in the evenings a Jamaican lovely or passing tourist girl served to relax me and take my mind off the horrors I had chronicled during the day.

Once having made the decision that my next book would be called *The Green Beret* about those hard-fighting, hard-living guerrilla fighters who are as much at home in the jungles of Indo-

china as the rest of us in our bedrooms I had to go announce my plans. I was giving up the soft life and aforementioned evening amenities to live with Special Forces guerrillas in action. There was no turning back now. People looked at me as though I were some kind of a coward when a month later I was still soaking up sun and spending my evenings . . .

Special Forces is a highly secret outfit, every man who wears the Green Beret has a top secret security clearance. This means he doesn't talk. How could I learn about them if they wouldn't talk?

Fortunately for the future of *The Green Beret*, then vice-president Lyndon Johnson came to Jamaica for its Independence celebrations and stayed at the new Sheraton-Kingston Hotel, for which I was doing some free lance publicity work. I saw to it that the vice-president and his military aide, Col. William Jackson, had copies of *The Devil To Pay* put on their night tables.

At a convenient moment I asked Col. Jackson how he liked the book. He and the vice-president both liked it, he said.

"Good," said I. "The next book I want to write is about those guys who wear green berets, eat snakes and are tough guerrillas."

To make a long story short, a few months later I was in the Pentagon. Representatives of the Army and Special Forces sat down with me. I had told people that it was only a matter of time

now before I would be in Viet Nam, the first man to cover Special Forces, those tough . . .

I noticed many sidewise looks at my slightly protruberant belly as the Pentagon meeting progressed. Finally the hard young officer from Fort Bragg, home of Special Forces, politely dropped a smoking white phosphorus grenade in my lap.

### Jump, Then Listen

"General Yarborough, Commanding General of the Special Warfare Center will be happy to have Mr. Moore see what Special Forces is all about. The General suggests that Mr. Moore should be jump qualified so that he can actually go through the four-month guerrilla warfare course as though he were one of us."

"I'm 37, almost 38," I blurted. "If I could just get with the guys. I'm a very good listener," I suggested hopefully.

One month later I arrived at Fort Benning, Ga. I was enrolled in the Airborne School, issued jump boots and fatigues and before I could say something appropriate like Geronimo I found myself up at five every morning for muscle-tearing PT followed by a brisk four-mile run through the park. After two weeks of punishing devices simulating parachute jumps and landings and torturous PT, I faced the moment of truth. The class was ready to go up in airplanes and jump out of them. I watched from my position in the belly of the plane as the ground rushed by the open doors twelve-hundred feet below.

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With a leer the jump master cried, "Get ready!" My stomach flipped.

"Hook up!" the jump master yelled. The blood drained from my fingertips.

"Stand in the door!" I was glad I wasn't lead man. A reserve colonel, even older than I, was making his first jump, stood in the door.

"Go!" They're kidding, I thought. I shouldn't even be . . .

I was in the slip stream hurtling through the air. Then the jerk and I was floating. Beautiful, but never again.

Four jumps later (they gave us more equipment to carry on each jump) it was Friday. The wings were pinned on the first civilian to graduate from the Airborne School.

Next stop Spartanburg, South Carolina. The big war games were going on. I finally met the author of the rugged schedule I was to follow (the worst was still ahead) if I was to write *The Green Beret* and be able to hold my head up in public again.

Maj. Gen. William Yarborough is a young-looking man to be wearing two stars and as lean and mean as his men in green berets. By this time I was pretty lean, too.

The general had a surprise for me. I'm going to make a night jump into the swamps of South Carolina, he told me, where a Special Forces team and their guerrillas will meet me and take me to their snake-infested swamp headquarters.

"Night jump?" I asked. The general nodded. Oh well — actually they were all night jumps at Benning; my eyes were closed tightly.

How much did I really want to write about *The Green Berets*? Why did I ever leave Jamaica? Two Special Forces men made the night jump into "enemy territory" with me. I watched the blackness outside the door swallow the captain ahead of me. One swat on the rear from behind and I plunged into the morass. And then the canopy opened and I was floating. OK, but never again.

A week in South Carolina and a week to recover and then, off to Fort Bragg. Again, I was the first civilian to go through the school. The guerrilla warfare school is a murderous ordeal. But as the General said, if I'm going to write about his people I have to understand them and there's only one way . . .

All the jumps were at night at the Special Warfare Center guerrilla school. It was a three-month course. Each jump I swore would be my last. But I made myself do another by picturing the dust jacket of my book and the stacks of copies of *The Green Beret* disappearing. Movie rights, TV, all that — and there was the yawning door leading to swirling darkness.

On our last jump into a ten-day field training exercise, a high wind blew us off the Drop Zone. Three men from my team were injured. One about-to-become

guerrilla plummeted through the roof of a barn directly into a still. The moonshiners surrendered immediately, swearing they were just brewing enough of the stuff for themselves. They'd heard the revenue agents had a secret weapon.

We had a great, but exhausting time running through Uwarrie National Forrest, spraying each other liberally with blank cartridge machine guns. Raids, ambushes, assassinations, bridge blowings — if I weren't trying to be a writer I would be a *gorilla*.

### The Real Thing in Viet Nam

Then, after graduation, at last — Viet Nam.

But in Viet Nam the spraying was done with live ammo.

In Viet Nam there were forty-two Special Forces A detachments. This basic unit of twelve men — two officers and ten enlisted men broken down into two medics, two engineer-demolition men, two weapons experts, two communications men, an intelligence sergeant and the operations or team sergeant — make up the nucleus of a camp of three to six hundred Vietnamese or Montagnard irregulars. They are out in the middle of Viet Cong territory and their job is to ambush, raid and generally harass the communist guerrillas.

At last I found men in green berets who would talk. Out in the jungles with the certain knowledge that one out of every twelve men is bound to be killed and a couple more wounded, I finally became part of Special Forces.

On one patrol, after I'd picked myself out of the dirt I'd tried to burrow into when we walked into a Viet Cong ambush, the team presented me with a green beret — I suppose for keeping myself alive.

As a result of following General Yarborough's program I was permitted to go out on missions at will. Ordinarily



ON SCENE: Robin Moore, the writer who trained with Special Forces troops, takes a break after seven days of jungle skirmishes with a Special Forces patrol operating out of Buon Mi Ga, a camp in the central mountain region of South Viet Nam. No one goes on these operations unarmed. Moore had to use his weapon almost every day of the patrol.

writers were assigned bodyguards (usually without their knowledge) and kept away from dangerous actions. I was fortunate — from the point of view of writing an authentic book — to be allowed to go into combat at will since they didn't have to worry about a bodyguard for me.

### Frustration

My attitude, perhaps, was not that of the hardened Special Forces man — who does not, incidentally, eat snakes. When on the Cambodian border we were attacked by a bugle blowing, howling bunch of black-pajama-clad VC I knew only relief when they finally broke contact and ran across the border. The Special Forces men were frustrated. They wanted to keep fighting and chase the Communists but we did not (thank the Lord) have permission for a border violation that day.

The viciousness of the fighting and the need to adapt ourselves to Vietnamese and Montagnard ground rules were hard to take at first. No quarter is given or expected on either side. If Special Forces men expect to keep the support of their irregulars they do not interfere with the mutilation of bodies, the torturing, and the killing of the enemy without giving them an opportunity to surrender. The VC does the same to us.

On one patrol a Montagnard commander offered me the rare privilege of cutting the right ear off a VC killed a few moments earlier. We'd all been shooting during a minor skirmish and the polite tribesmen allowed as how it was probably my bullets that scored. The Special Forces sergeant with me said that this was quite an honor and proved I was popular with our little anti-guerrillas.

I tried to demur saying I didn't want to do any of the tribesmen out of an ear justly due them. I could tell by the strained atmosphere that I was letting all American advisors down by not graciously accepting the invitation. So — I took the proffered knife and sliced the ear off, handing the grisly thing to the Montagnard commander who wrapped it up in a big leaf and re-presented it to me.

The material on Special Forces has hardly been touched and I urge all OPCers to get in on this bonanza. *The Green Beret* can now be spotted in many Latin American countries as well as in the Congo, Ethiopia and Iran. Late this summer the number of Special Forces men in Viet Nam was doubled. It isn't really necessary to jump with them, go through the guerrilla school with them, and cut off ears on patrols to be accepted as a friend.

Special Forces men more and more are interested in talking to correspondents and many Special Forces after action reports are now in the process of being declassified.





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## Letters

### URGE STREAMLINING AWARDS

The OPC Annual Dinner Committee would do well to borrow a leaf from the excellent handling by OPC member, *Rosalind Massow*, of the Newspaper Women's Club of New York's Front Page Dinner Dance.

No dais, no long speeches . . . emphasis on the presentation of awards and good entertainment. Results . . . a record turnout, plenty of publicity and a fun evening. The OPC needs its principal speaker, but could certainly modify the rest of the dinner program.

*William Berns, N.Y.*

## Placement

### Hong Kong:

A-287 Wanted Far East Merchandise Coordinator to coordinate and develop ready-to-wear and soft good lines for major American retail company. Previous buying experience required. To be located in Hong Kong; some travel in Far East area. Send resume with salary requirement.

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A-281 Wanted, writer with one or two years' newspaper and/or PR experience. Good opportunity for recent college grad with versa-

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*Debs Myers* as Mayor Wagner's press secretary told an OPC delegation once that if the Overseas Press Club of America were nothing but *Steve Korsen's* employment committee it would more than justify its existence. The dry statistics of what *Steve* is doing are impressive but a letter which he and *Bob Queen* (*Steve's* co-chairman for the case of the *Daily Mirror* people) have received tells aptly what it is about. The letter said:

"Things happened so fast — and satisfactorily — since you contacted me about the . . . opening that I'm still gasping on Cloud 9 . . . . I want to express my complete admiration for what you and your confreres are doing, and have done, for *New York Mirror* men like myself. Such interest and effort are great gifts from good hearts . . . . As for my new position, the people and the working conditions — in fact, the whole package — appear to be excellent . . . . I mentioned previously to you that I was proud of the camaraderie that exists among *Mirror* men. It is an almost visible thing and will endure, I'm sure, for a long time . . . ."

*Steve*, *Bob* and others working for the *Mirror* men have turned up 590 jobs. About a fifth were temporary. *Mirror* men filled just about half of them. A substantial number were *World's Fair* work. Those who are re-unemployed have *Steve* and *Bob* back at work hunting for them. Tell *Steve Korsen* at *Borden's* or *Bob* at *Pratt Institute* if you hear of leads.

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At noontime now our restaurant and bar and grill fill up nicely. The word is is around that the service and food are fine, the restaurant view of *Bryant Park* is as cheerful a *New York* sight as you will find, and there are items for all tastes and budgets. For the economy-minded there is a daily "city edition plate" from \$1.65 to \$1.95 in the restaurant and a "copy desk special" in the bar and grill which ducks under a dollar. For the connoisseurs *Larry Blochman*, author of our OPC Bar Book and our resident epicurean, sees to it that quality rivals that of the *Michelin* three-star entries. From \$2.45 to \$2.65, depending on the day, you are apt to find a "date-line special" such as *Vienna* paprika chicken (with spaetzle and peas), *Paris* filet of sole *Marguery* (with oysters, shrimp, mushroom and *Parisienne* potatoes), or *Madrid* arroz con pollo.

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*Bernie Redmont* in *Paris* has sparked an idea on another way for the Club to help the proudest of our members — the foreign correspondents currently on assignment overseas. Hospitality chairman *Anita Diamant Berke* is assembling welcome envelopes which will put the returning men in touch with what is going on and will express concretely the pleasure all of us at the Clubhouse feel in greeting him on his return. Any idea on what should go into the envelopes will be welcome.

*Barrett McGurn*

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## THEO WILSON IS WINNER OF FRONT PAGE AWARD

OPC member *Theo Wilson* of the *New York Daily News* was one of the winners of the Front Page Journalism Awards presented last week by the Newspaper Women's Club of New York.

Club President *Rosalind Massow* of *Parade* presented the awards at the 27th Annual Front Page Dinner Dance at the Hotel Astor.

Mrs. Wilson topped honors in the news story with deadline pressure category for her story, "Chair for Ruby".



## NEW MEMBERS ACTIVE

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**Thomas J. Kennedy** — Correspondent and freelance, The New York Times, Madrid, Spain.

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**Peter S. Mellas** — Area Director, Fox-Movietone News; Correspondent, Newsweek, Athens, Greece.

**James S. Stutzman** — New York Continuity Director, American Forces Network, Frankfurt/Hoechst, Germany.

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Edited by JERRY KRISKA

WASHINGTON. from JESSIE STEARNS

Harold Milks, AP Bureau Chief in Madrid, and his wife, Evelyn, are in the States on home leave. Heinie spoke at the joint meeting of Kansas and Missouri Associated Press editors and publishers in Kansas City. Later this month he'll address the AP meeting in Arizona.

President Johnson is making good on his promise to the entourage of newsmen who cover the White House that he would route most of his visitors through the front door, that is, the West Wing where the press corps is stationed, so they can nab them for news. The first presidential caller trapped on the new route was Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

Helen Nash is now with Henry Morrison Associates at 711 14th St. N.W. . . . Walter Lippmann, columnist, off to Europe for a month's journalistic tour . . . Spencer Davis, AP Specialist on the Far East, took leave of absence to do research for Princeton University on the late Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles. He spent most of the leave in the Far East.

Ambassador Angier Biddle Duke, Chief of Protocol of the State Department, has suggested in a speech that protocol officers of all nations meet to agree on ground rules for visits between chiefs of state. He said a standardization of protocol, including the pageantry of state visits, is necessary.

Condolences to the family of James Wick, who died Nov. 6 of cancer. He was president of the weekly newspaper, Human Events.

Department of Defense is permitting correspondents to go to US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and to Viet Nam. Correspondents wishing to go to the Naval Base should request permission from the accreditation office. They are sent on a space available basis. Presently there are 100 correspondents on

the waiting list to go to Viet Nam. Four correspondents, (varied to include newspaper, radio magazines and other media) are sent every two weeks for 10 days.

RIO DE JANEIRO . . .

from EILEEN MACKENZIE

CBS' Mario Biasseti and Bob Shackne just returned from the revolution in Bolivia, Mario says: "The firing was as intense as anything I have ever experienced, including World War II". The CBS team — Shackne, Biasseti and sound engineer Vito Monaco — filmed four hours in the main square of La Paz while army, militia, police and armed civilians shot wildly in all directions. Also in the midst of the fray were Los Angeles Times' George Natanson and NBC's Tom Streithorst and Pedro Torre.

Back from 10 days in Lima is McGraw Hill's Les Warren . . . ABC's Bob Lindley and NY Times' Henry Raymont, both Buenos Aires-based, attended the inauguration of Chile's new president Frei . . . Baltimore Sun's Nate Miller is off for a month in the US, with a stop-over in British Guiana on the way back . . . Copley News Service's Louis Stein is making an extended trip through the northeast of Brazil . . . AP's Ed Miller is recovering from an emergency appendectomy . . . The wide-ranging CBS team is off again to Buenos Aires, then British Guiana and Panama.

SAIGON..from NORMAN SKLAREWITZ

"Swinging in and out to beef up the locally-based crews in recent weeks came Garrick Utley from Brussels and Grant Wolfkill from Hong Kong, both NBC: Lou Cioffi, ABC, from Paris; and Art Langguth, N.Y. Times. Beverly Deepe is now writing for the NY Herald Tribune from Saigon and Jack Foisie, LA Times, has established a bureau here. John Wheeler, AP from Kuala Lumpur, is rounding out three months on temporary Viet Nam duty while Jack Fern moved down from Tokyo recently for NBC.



DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGE: Beatrice Maberry tells Brigitte Lebens of Springer Foreign News Service about her six months in Germany, where she worked on farms and lived with German families on a cultural exchange, sponsored by General Foods. Miss Maberry appeared for an OPC Press Conference this week.

## People & Places

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: Larry Blochman in Washington for a brief tour of duty with USIA selection panels . . . Leon Daniel off on a quick trip through Europe to talk to Pix photographers and correspondents in Switzerland, Italy, Spain and France . . . Jerry Kriska in Puerto Rico and St. Maartens, vacationing.

NEW POSTS: Bruno E.K. Kroger named associate director of the National Council of Churches' Office of Information . . . Eric Riel, a UPI regional executive in Los Angeles since 1961, appointed general manager of UPI of Canada; will be based in Montreal . . . Aaron Einfrank is heading up, as managing editor, the new Weekly Features Syndicate, organized to serve U.S. weekly newspapers. New outfit is a subsidiary of the Toronto Telegram News Service. Einfrank will continue as head of the UN bureau of the Canadian paper.

BOOKS: Alden Hatch, who has authored books about any number of public figures, has been commissioned by Hawthorn Books to write a biographical portrait of the Lyndon B. Johnson family. It's scheduled for 1965 . . . "The Sweet Dream," a novel by James W. Burke, published by Fountainhead. On leave from Pyramid — he's the European editor — he's now in Dallas writing the memoirs of Robert Oswald, brother of Lee Oswald . . . Charles Lam Markmann busy on "The Noblest Cry: A History of the American Civil Liberties Union" for St. Martin's Press.

ARTICLES: Skiing aficionado Abel E. Kessler by-lined in Ski Magazine's December issue.

NEW FEATURES: Jerry Robinson has new cartoon series, "Classroom Flubs and Dubs" to be syndicated by Chicago Tribune — NY News Syndicate, same as "Still Life".



PANAMA MEETING: Members of the OPC contingent in Panama met informally recently with the newly-appointed Press Chief of new President Marco A. Robles, Jose G. Duque (shown at head of table). From left are Olive Brooks, NY Times; Ralph Skinner, Christian Science Monitor; Hindi Diamond, McGraw-Hill and Vision; Duque; Danny Luna, in charge of radio section of the Panama Press Office; and R. Hart Phillips, Newsday.